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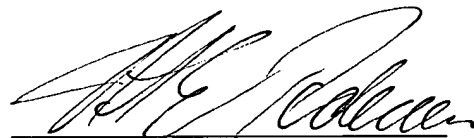
Japanese reference JP 6-303552 corresponds to European reference EP 598295

5. ☒ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references was previously submitted on March 21, 2002.

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